Pradesh particularly in Indode and adjoining areas are charging money from the consumers for providing them additional gas cylinder ;

(b) whether Government are also aware that LPG consumers who want an additional cylinder but do not wish to pay money to the dealers are harassed by the dealers on one pretext or the other ;

(c) whether Government have received any complaints from the consumers in this regard ;

(d) if so, the number of complaints received during the last one year ; and

(e) what action Government have taken or propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) One of the oil companies has reported the appearance of such a news item in 'Dainik Dopahar'.

(c) Oil companies have reported that they have not received any complaints against any LPG distributor in this connection.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

कोरियाई कम्पनियों द्वारा तेल का उत्पादन

297. श्री शिवाजीराव रामराव पाटिल : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने मुम्बई के समीप के उन चारों स्थानों को तेल के उत्पादन के लिए कोरियाई कम्पनियों को सौंपने का निर्णय किया है जहां तेल का भंडार पाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) अन्य तेल क्षेत्र कौन-कौन से हैं जिन्हें विदेशी कम्पनियों को सौंपने के लिए बातचीत चल रही है; और

(घ) ये कम्पनियां कब तक उत्पादन शुरू कर देंगी ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) और (घ) बोली के चौथे दौर में कावेरी अपतट क्षेत्र में पता लगाए गए एक तेल क्षेत्र की पेशकश की गई है। इस ब्लाक के लिए ठेके पर बोलीदाताओं से वार्ता करने के पश्चात हस्ताक्षर किए जाएंगे।

Supply of Compressors for Bombay High

298. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that for Gas Flaring Project, Bomaby High, ONGC have placed an order for compressors :

(b) if so, the name of the company and the amount of the order in rupees and in foreign currency ;

(c) the number of bidders who had quoted for the above tender and what was the final price offered by the next higher bidder ;

(d) wheter KHI has confirmed the acceptance of the order without asking for any kind of addltional facilities including exposure fees ; and

(e) if not, what are the details of additional facilities asked for by KHI and to what extent it make its bid higher than that of IHI ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) ONGC had placed a conditional Letter of Intent subject to supliers' credit on a consortium of M/s KHI, Japan and M/s Cooper Rolls Inc., USA for 7 Gas Compressor packages for JY 14,689,580,400 plus US$ 53,171,110 plus UK £ 22,678,100 equivalent up to 540.30 crores at the exchange rate prevailing on date of price bid opening.